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Today's Topics:

                    Put up or Shut up!  
                    Restructuring of Amateur Licensing  
                    Restructuring the Amateur Radio Service (2 msgs)

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.  
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Date: Sat, 22 May 1993 15:05:32 GMT  
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Subject: Put up or Shut up!  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

a-kevinp@microsoft.COM (Kevin Purcell, Rho) writes:

>system. The examiners DO NOT have to have the answers in the same order  
>as the answers in the pools (however, the text of the questions and  
>answers does have to be identical to those in the pools). The answer  
>may equally well be A, B, C or D for any question.

Examiners do not have to have the answers in the same order, that is correct.  
However, there are some local VE teams which are too lazy to change things  
around (it would require more work, after all...) People have a tendency to  
flock to these sessions, as they know that most of the questions are going  
to be real easy to answer.

>The folks I have seen "memorise" the questions and answers do it by

>highlighting just the correct answer and remembering cues from that  
>answer. Of course they avoid learning any useful information that way :-(

Of course, one could argue that in some cases, there is nothing wrong with memorization. I would be plenty happy if people would memorize the HF band plan, instead of simply memorizing that Question 3A-1.1 has an answer of 'C'.

MD

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-- Michael P. Deignan, KD1HZ / Since I *OWN* SBS.COM,  
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Subject: Restructuring of Amateur Licensing  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Since my earlier suggestion to restructure the amateur licensing requirements by eliminating the 20 word-per-minute Morse element received virtually no response, I can only assume that the pro-no-code community felt they were too conservative, and failed to "modernize" the Amateur Service. With that being said, I have a new set of suggested modifications to the current examination structure:

First of all, I propose the creation of a single class of amateur license, and the elimination of ALL examination elements. The new class would be similar in privileges to the current Extra Class, and all amateurs holding lower classes would receive automatic upgrades.

All new call signs would be drawn from the current "2x3" (example: KB5ABC) pool, thus allowing a maximum number of available calls for new licensees. Current amateurs would retain their old calls, or have the option of getting a new one from the standard pool.

All new applicants must state on their application form that they are in possession of a current copy of FCC Rules and Regulations, Part 97. This is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC (or any GPO Bookstore in a major city). This part contains the Basis and Purpose of the Amateur Service (97.1), as well as everything else the new applicant needs to know concerning power levels, band plans, and so forth. What he (or she) doesn't find there, help is readily available from their fellow amateurs on the air.

Furthermore, I suggest that a single license application be used for new stations, modifications, and renewals. Since the current FCC Form 610 would be rendered obsolete by the sweeping changes I am proposing, I suggest that a new application be used: FCC Form 505.

--Robert

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Date: Mon, 24 May 1993 02:58:36 GMT  
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Subject: Restructuring the Amateur Radio Service  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Why is it that so many who don't upgrade want to redo the whole system to make it easy for them to progress?

Those who like electronics but don't like cw want to do things one way. Those who don't do electronics very well but like cw want it done another way.

I really don't see much wrong with things now.

We have code from 0 to 20 wpm.  
Theroy from almost zero to just a little bit above zero.  
Books that let you pass the tests without knowing how to turn a radio on.

Sure is sad to see so many that feel working hard doing something a bit distastfull is so bad.

Maybe Clinton will fix all things good and bad for you.

Has anyone else noticed that the easier the entry level license gets, the more whinning to get even more for less??

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Subject: Restructuring the Amateur Radio Service  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

mswmod@nimbus.sage.unr.edu (stark) writes:  
: Why is it that so many who don't upgrade want to redo the  
: whole system to make it easy for them to progress?

Get real!

: I really don't see much wrong with things now.  
: Theroy from almost zero to just a little bit above zero.  
: Books that let you pass the tests without knowing how to  
: turn a radio on.  
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: Sure is sad to see so many that feel working hard doing  
: something a bit distastfull is so bad.

If you can't see the inconsistency in the preceeding 7 lines there is a serious problem.

: Maybe Clinton will fix all things good and bad for you.

Didn't vote for him don't support him and having a great time watching him flounder. :-)

: Has anyone else noticed that the easier the entry level  
: license gets, the more whinning to get even more for less??

Has anyone else noticed that the higher the average age of the amateur gets, the harder it is to make progressive changes in OUR hobby??

Dan

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